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## PRIOR ART SUBMISSION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This submission is being made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. A listing of the references is submitted herewith on form PTO/SB/08A. The cited references are identified in the attached German Search Report and International Search Report.

This submission is being made after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance but before payment of the Issue Fee.

The cited references, like the other references of record, do not teach a flowmeter with at least two ultrasonic transducers with a minimum separation of the transducers and the beam spread of the ultrasonic measuring signals with the result that the ultrasonic measuring signals propagate along at least two sonic paths, which differ in the number of traverses through the containment, and a control/evaluation unit that calculates at least one of the system parameters necessary for determining the volume flow of the medium in the containment.

Any fee required pursuant to the submission should be charged to our Deposit Account 02-0200.

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Respectfully submitted,

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